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(C) Czech Foreign Minister Karel Schwarzenberg plans to raise Burma's human rights record during the upcoming EU-ASEAN summit in Nuremberg. On March 9, Poloff spoke with Andrea Hyniova in the Asia-Pacific Department at the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to deliver reftel demarche and to discuss Burma and USG priorities for the upcoming EU-ASEAN summit. Although Burma is not on the formal program, Schwarzenberg -- a long-time advocate on Burma -- will be one of six or seven EU member foreign ministers that plan to raise Burma during the summit, according to Hyniova. The EU plans on also pushing for the inclusion of a paragraph on Burma's human rights situation in the joint statement, although Hyniova noted that it may be difficult to reach agreement on this with ASEAN.

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